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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETIETH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

WHEREAS, Article 14, Section 1, of the Arkansas Constitution charges
the State of Arkansas with maintaining a "general, suitable and efficient
system of free public schools"; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly cannot fulfill this mandate on its own as
achieving this task requires the input and involvement of multiple
stakeholders that play crucial roles in public education; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that each member of the General
Assembly be aware of the issues and challenges facing the public schools



within his or her district, as well as those schools' accomplishments and areas of excellence; and

WHEREAS, there is no better way to share this information than for legislators to spend time in these schools interacting with administrators, teachers, and students; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly should designate a period of time annually to encourage public school districts to make their campuses available to members of the General Assembly and develop special events that increase awareness of these schools' achievements and challenges and foster positive working relationships between school officials and legislators; and

WHEREAS, such events could include offering legislators guided tours of district campuses, allowing legislators to visit classrooms and speak to students, and sponsoring panel discussions in which administrators, teachers, and students participate on issues facing these schools,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the General Assembly identifies the month of September of each year as "Take Your Legislator to School Month", in which public school districts are encouraged to invite members of the General Assembly to activities on their campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the district or individual legislators are unable to participate in the month of September, they are encouraged to work together to find an appropriate time for the legislators to visit the district campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives and Senate of the 90th General Assembly request the assistance of the Department of Education and the Arkansas Education Association in making public school districts aware of "Take Your Legislator to School Month" each year and

encouraging their participation.